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SUBJECT: SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET CRUISER OFF AFRICA

REF: CINCLANT 170007Z 76 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTED DEPARTURE OF SOVIET KRESTA CLASS
CRUISER 296 FROM CONAKRY BETWEEN 1500Z ON JAN 14 AND
0900Z ON JAN 15 AND INABILITY OF USN SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT
TO MAKE VISUAL CONTACT WITH THIS VESSEL SINCE ITS DEPAR-
TURE. CINCLANTBELIEVES VESSEL MAY BE ATTEMPTING TRANSIT
TO ANGOLA BY HUGGING COASTLINE WHERE IT WOULD BE OUT OF
VISUAL RANGE OF USN A/C HOLDING TO 25 NM LIMIT. CINCLANT

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REQUESTS PERMISSION TO ALLOW OPERATION UP TO THE TERRI-

TORIAL CLAIMS OF THE RESPECTIVE NATIONS: I.E. 12 NM
FOR LIBERIA AND 6 NM FOR THE IVORY COAST.

2. WE SUPPORT EXPANDING THE LIMITS OF 'S A/C SURVEILLANCE
UP TO 15 NM FOR LIBERIA AND 9 NM FOR THE IVORY COAST.
THIS ALLOWS FOR IMPROVED S'RVEILLANCE OF THE AREA OUTSIDE
THE CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THESE STATES WHILE
RETAINING A BUFFER ZONE TO PROTECT AGAINST INADVERTENT
PENETRATION OF TERRITORIAL LIMITS. KISSINGER

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